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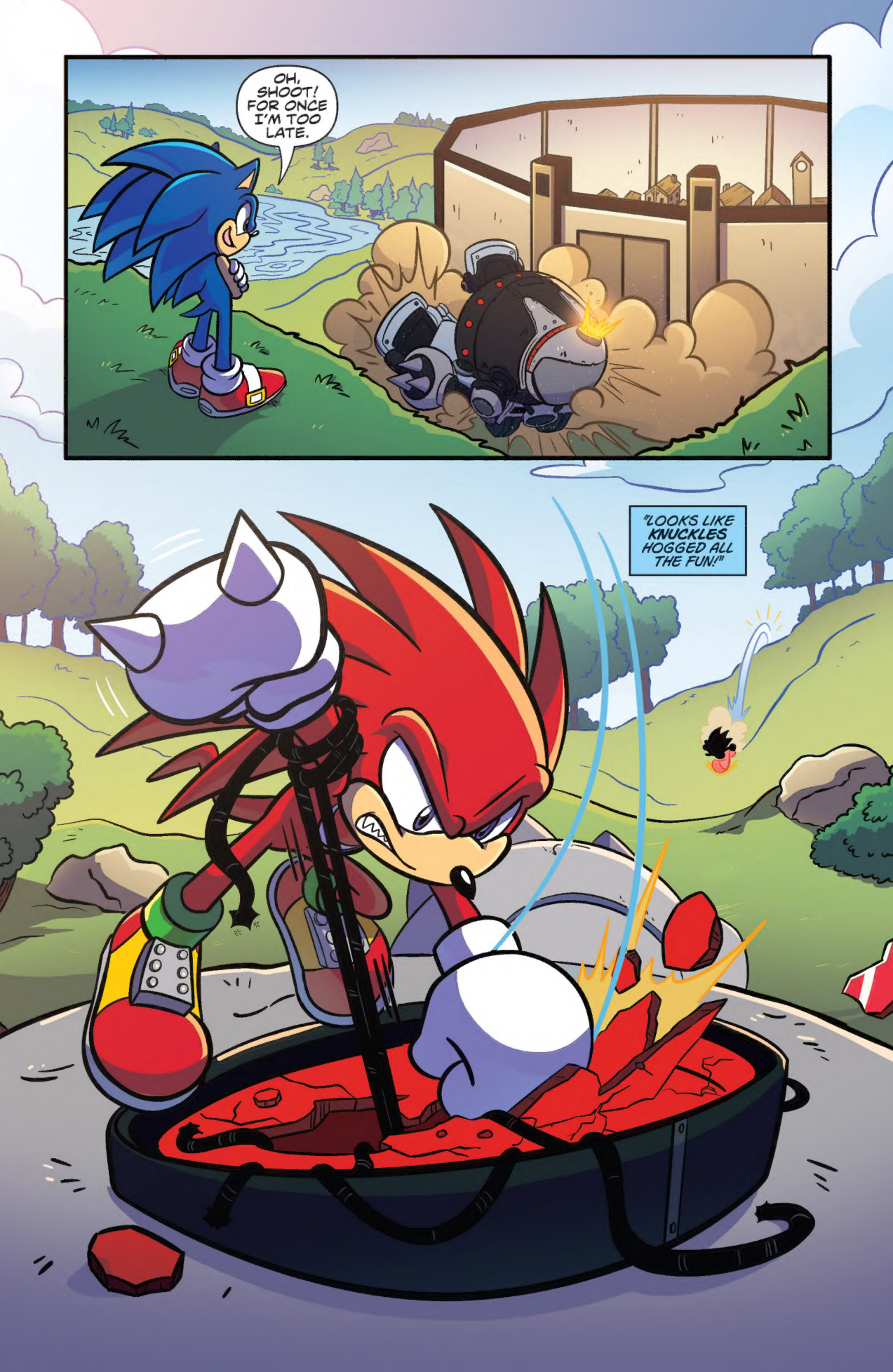
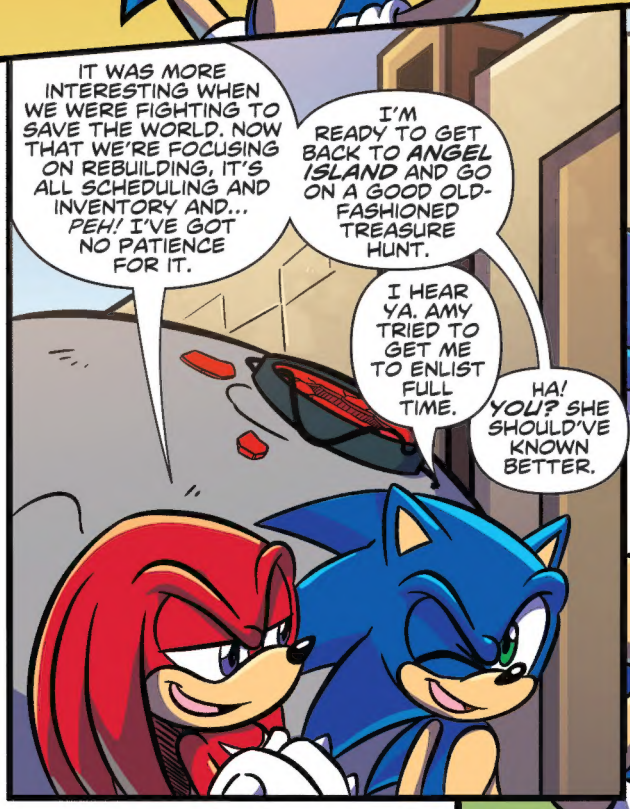

OH, SHOOT! FOR ONCE I'M TOO LATE.
"LOOKS LIKE KNUCKLES HOGGED ALL THE FUN!"

YO KNUX! SAVE ANY FOR ME?
SONIC! LONG TIME NO SEE!

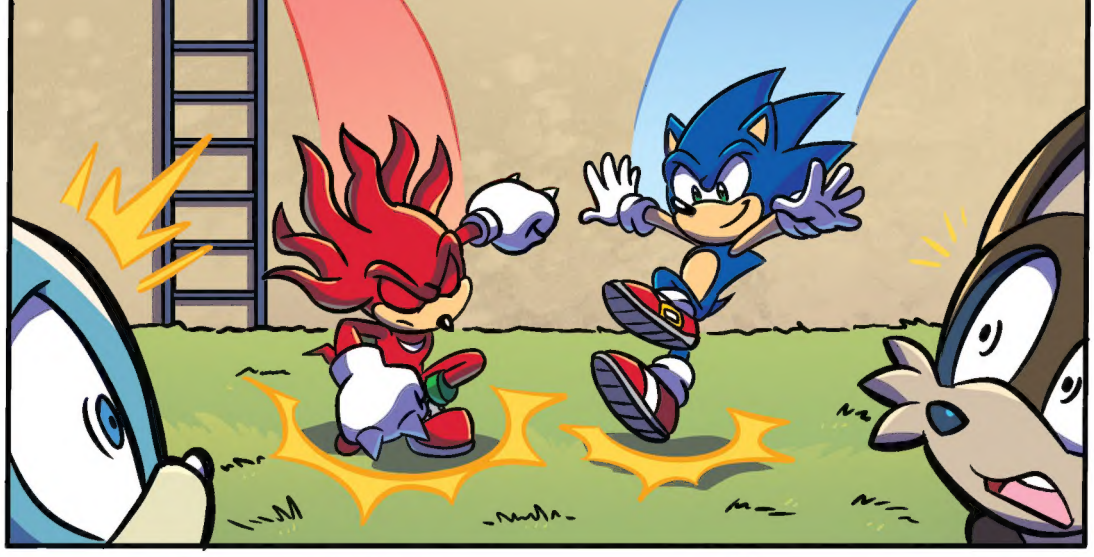
WHAT BRINGS YOU OUT HERE?
I RAN INTO AMY IN THE NEXT TOWN OVER. SHE SAID YOU WERE LOOKING INTO TROUBLE HERE. I THOUGHT I'D LEND A HAND.

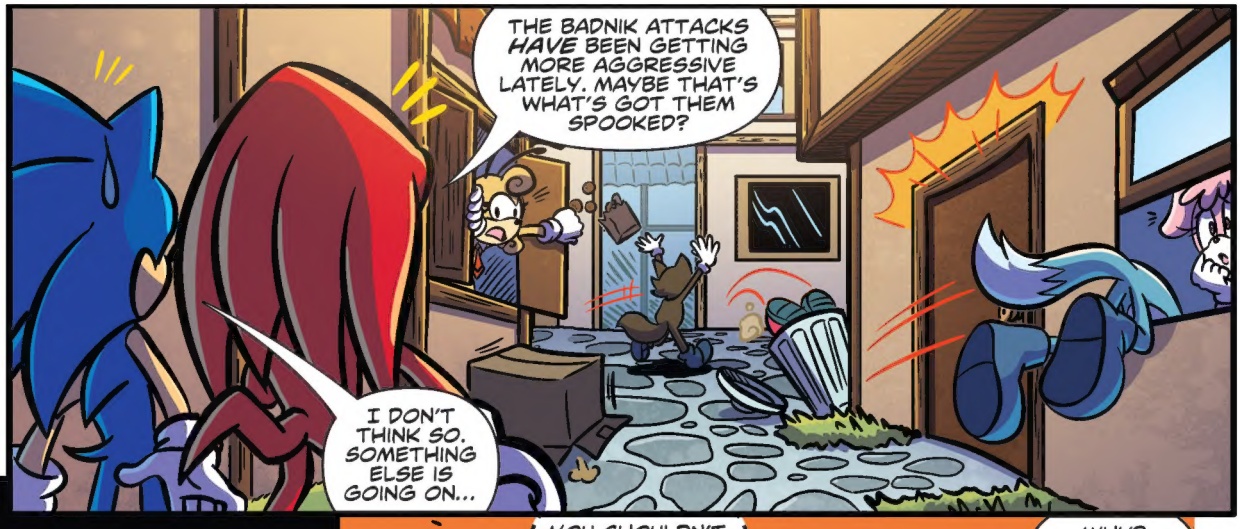
Y'KNOW, YOU'RE AWFULLY FAR AWAY FROM THE HQ, COMMANDER KNUCKLES.
UGH... DON'T REMIND ME.


IT WAS MORE INTERESTING WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING TO SAVE THE WORLD. NOW THAT WE'RE FOCUSING ON REBUILDING, IT'S ALL SCHEDULING AND INVENTORY AND... *PEH!* I'VE GOT NO PATIENCE FOR IT.
I'M READY TO GET BACK TO *ANGEL ISLAND* AND GO ON A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED TREASURE HUNT.
I HEAR YA. AMY TRIED TO GET ME TO ENLIST FULL TIME.
HA! *YOU?* SHE SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER.

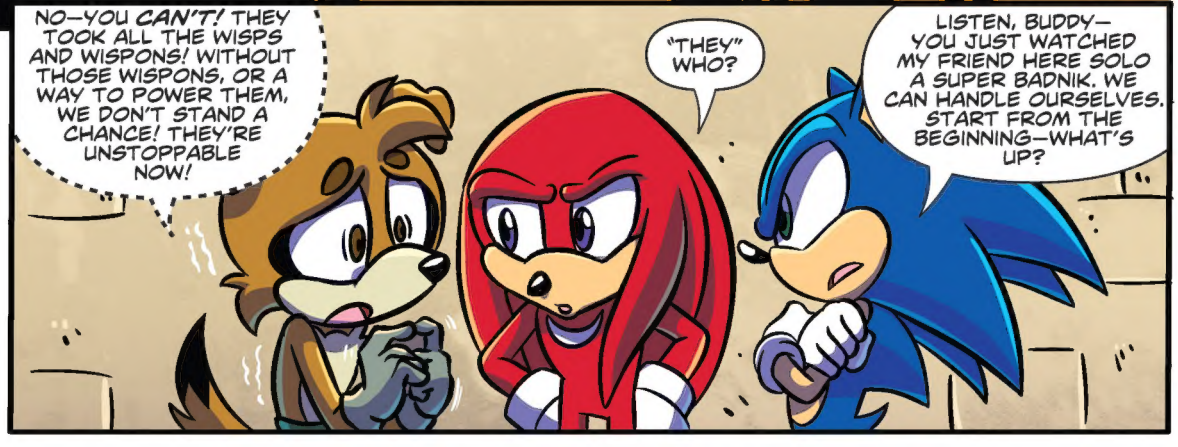
SO, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
THIS TOWN IS A HUB FOR WISPON DISTRIBUTION. THE SHIPMENTS SUDDENLY DRIED UP, SO I CAME TO SEE WHY.

HEY! I'M THE COMMANDER OF THE RESISTANCE! I TOOK OUT ALL OF EGGMAN'S ROBOTS! LET ME IN!
S-SORRY, SIR, BUT I'M UNDER ORDERS NOT TO OPEN THE GATES TO ANYONE!
SAYS WHO?!
I-I- I CAN'T SAY!

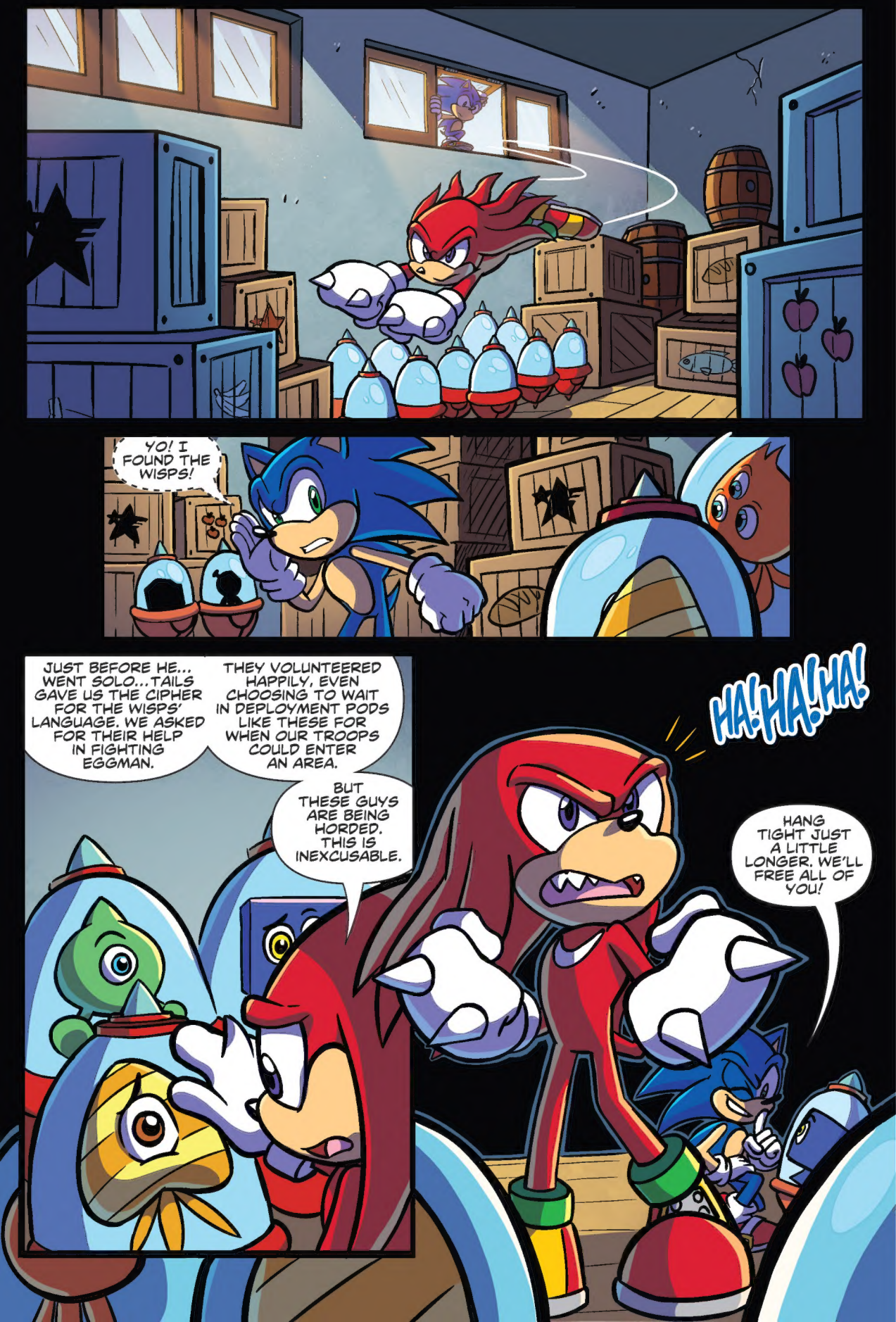


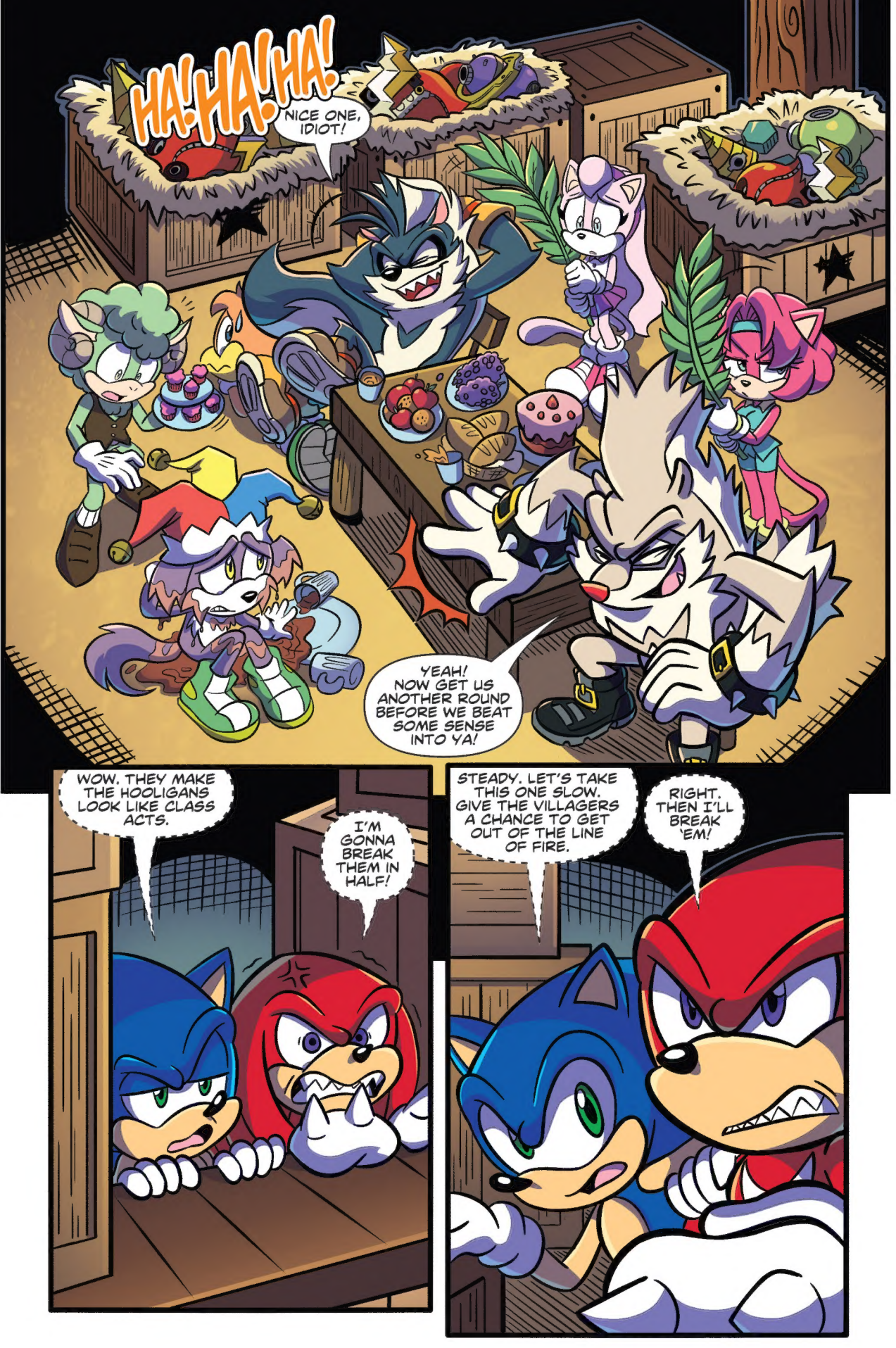

THE BADNIK ATTACKS *HAVE* BEEN GETTING MORE AGGRESSIVE LATELY. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT'S GOT THEM SPOOKED?
I DON'T THINK SO. SOMETHING ELSE IS GOING ON...

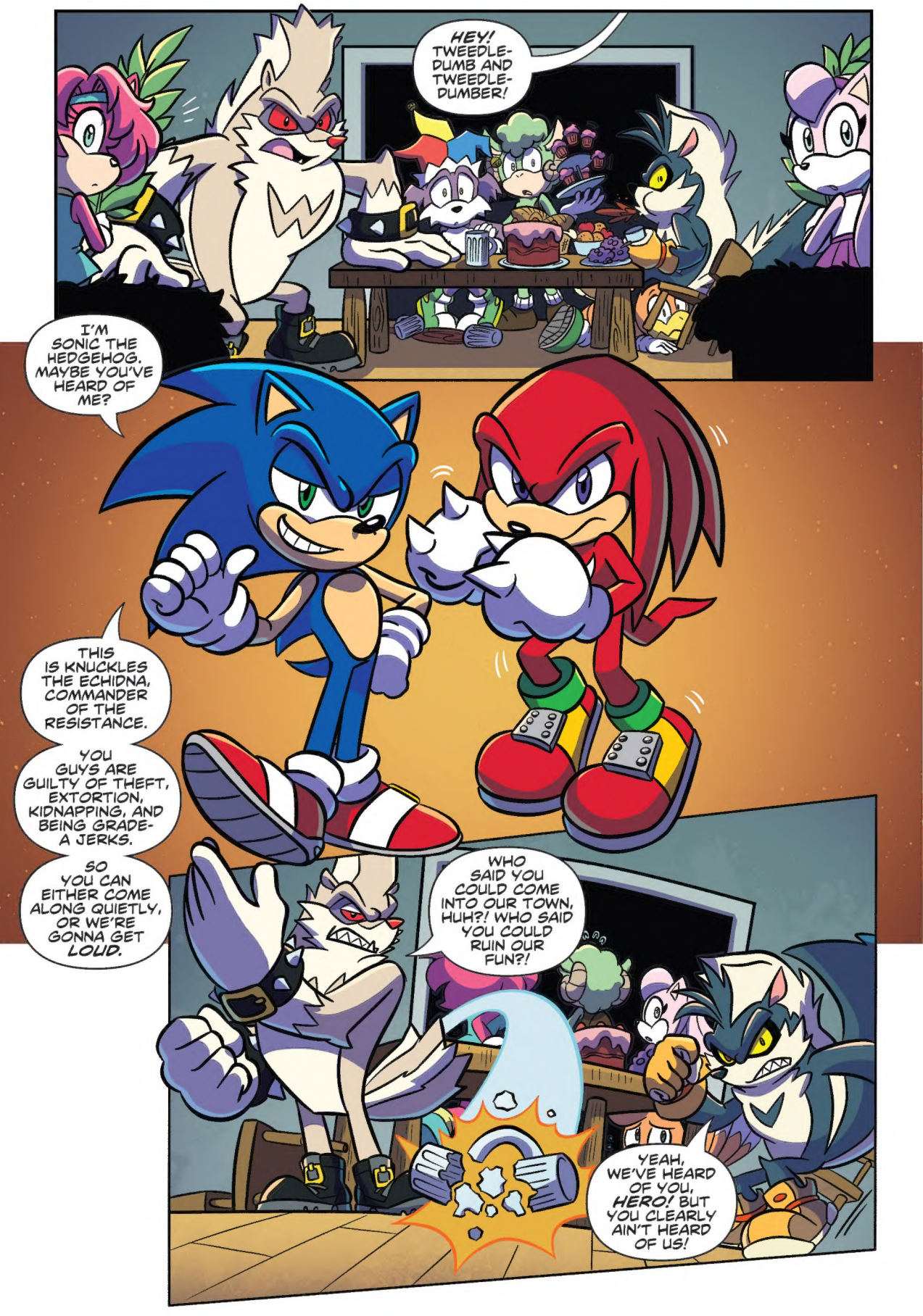
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT! YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE!
WHY? WHATEVER'S WRONG, WE CAN FIX IT.

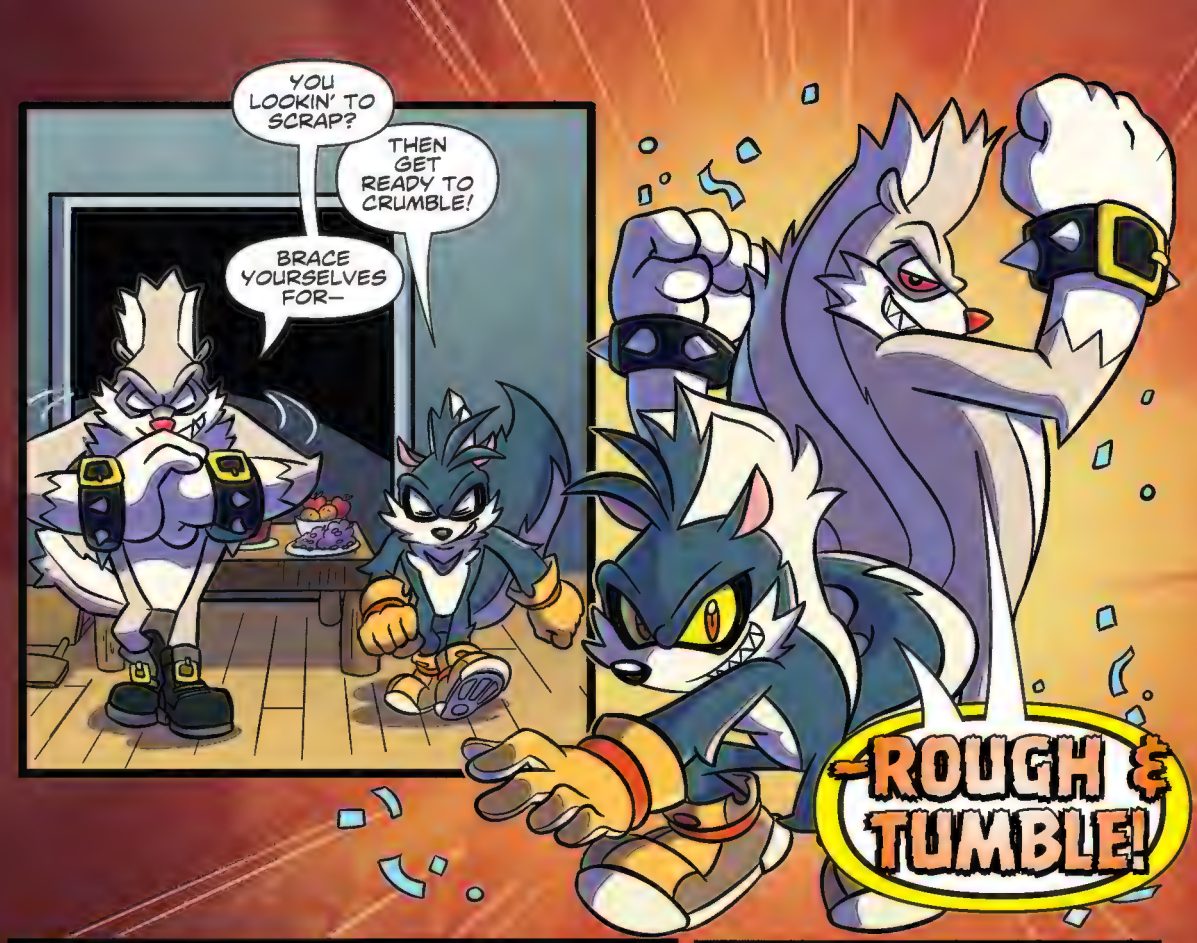

NO—YOU *CAN'T!* THEY TOOK ALL THE WISPS AND WISPONS! WITHOUT THOSE WISPONS, OR A WAY TO POWER THEM, WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE! THEY'RE UNSTOPPABLE NOW!
"THEY" WHO?
LISTEN, BUDDY—YOU JUST WATCHED MY FRIEND HERE SOLO A SUPER BADNIK. WE CAN HANDLE OURSELVES. START FROM THE BEGINNING—WHAT'S UP?

≡GULP≡ TRUE ENOUGH... OKAY...
...JUST BEFORE THE WAR ENDED, A COUPLE OF MERCENARIES SHOWED UP. THEY WERE FEROCIOUS. THEY DROVE BACK EGGMAN'S FORCES AND SAVED THE TOWN.
THEY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO IMPROVE OUR DEFENSES...
...BUT WHAT THEY REALLY DID WAS TAKE OUR ARSENAL AND TOOK US PRISONER WITHIN OUR OWN TOWN!
NOW WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING THEY SAY. WE HAVE NO WAY TO FIGHT BACK. AND WE CAN'T ESCAPE WITH ALL THE ROBOTS STALKING OUTSIDE THE WALL!
WELL THEN. I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE OUR COMPLAINTS STRAIGHT TO THE MANAGEMENT, EH, KNUX?
ABSOLUTELY.
WHERE CAN WE FIND THESE CLOWNS?
TH-THEY TURNED THE SUPPLY DEPOT INTO A FORTRESS. JUST DOWN THIS ROAD ON THE RIGHT—YOU CAN'T MISS IT.
COOL. SIT TIGHT. WE'VE GOT THIS.

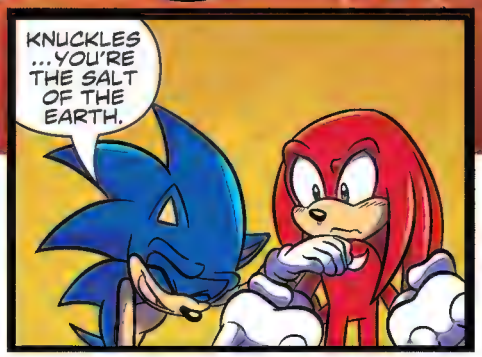

YO! I FOUND THE WISPS!
JUST BEFORE HE... WENT SOLO... TAILS GAVE US THE CIPHER FOR THE WISPS' LANGUAGE. WE ASKED FOR THEIR HELP IN FIGHTING EGGMAN.
THEY VOLUNTEERED HAPPILY, EVEN CHOOSING TO WAIT IN DEPLOYMENT PODS LIKE THESE FOR WHEN OUR TROOPS COULD ENTER AN AREA.
BUT THESE GUYS ARE BEING HORDED. THIS IS INEXCUSABLE.
HA! HA! HA!
HANG TIGHT JUST A LITTLE LONGER. WE'LL FREE ALL OF YOU!

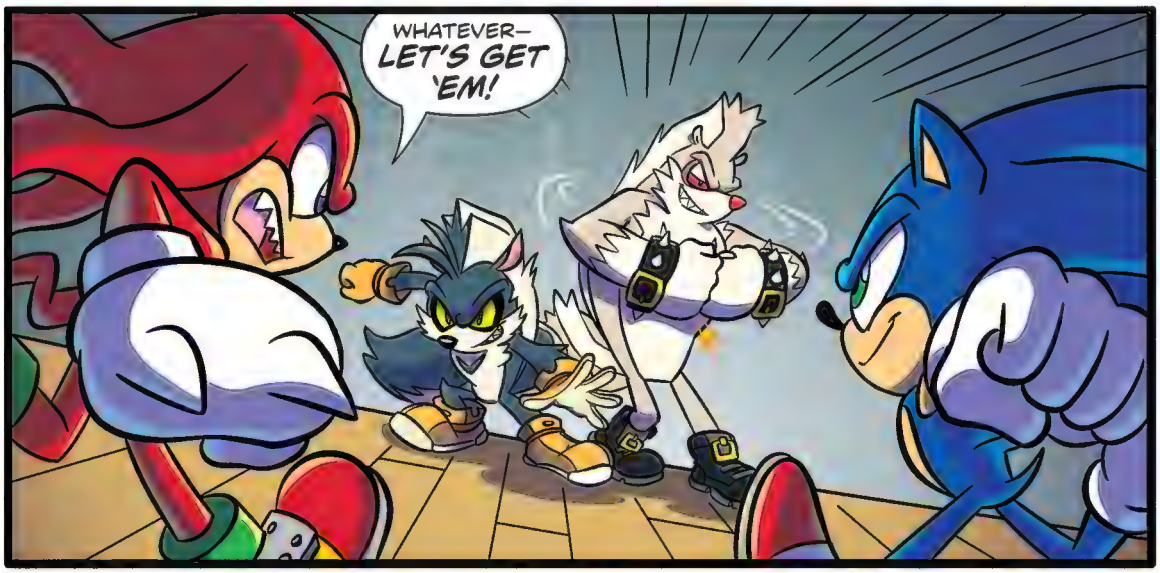

HA! HA! HA!
NICE ONE, IDIOT!
YEAH! NOW GET US ANOTHER ROUND BEFORE WE BEAT SOME SENSE INTO YA!
WOW. THEY MAKE THE HOOLIGANS LOOK LIKE CLASS ACTS.
I'M GONNA BREAK THEM IN HALF!
STEADY. LET'S TAKE THIS ONE SLOW. GIVE THE VILLAGERS A CHANCE TO GET OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE.
RIGHT. THEN I'LL BREAK 'EM!


HEY! TWEEDLE-DUMB AND TWEEDLE-DUMBER!
I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. MAYBE YOU'VE HEARD OF ME?
THIS IS KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA, COMMANDER OF THE RESISTANCE.
YOU GUYS ARE GUILTY OF THEFT, EXTORTION, KIDNAPPING, AND BEING GRADE-A JERKS.
SO YOU CAN EITHER COME ALONG QUIETLY, OR WE'RE GONNA GET LOUD.
WHO SAID YOU COULD COME INTO OUR TOWN, HUH?! WHO SAID YOU COULD RUIN OUR FUN?!
YEAH, WE'VE HEARD OF YOU, HERO! BUT YOU CLEARLY AIN'T HEARD OF US!


YOU LOOKIN' TO SCRAP?
THEN GET READY TO CRUMBLE!
BRACE YOURSELVES FOR–
ROUGH & TUMBLE!

...OH NO. I WAS NOT PREPARED FOR THIS.
CAREFUL, SONIC. THEY'RE HIGHLY COORDINATED.


KNUCKLES ...YOU'RE THE SALT OF THE EARTH.


WHATEVER– LET'S GET 'EM!

FASSSH
SMASH
THUNNKKKK
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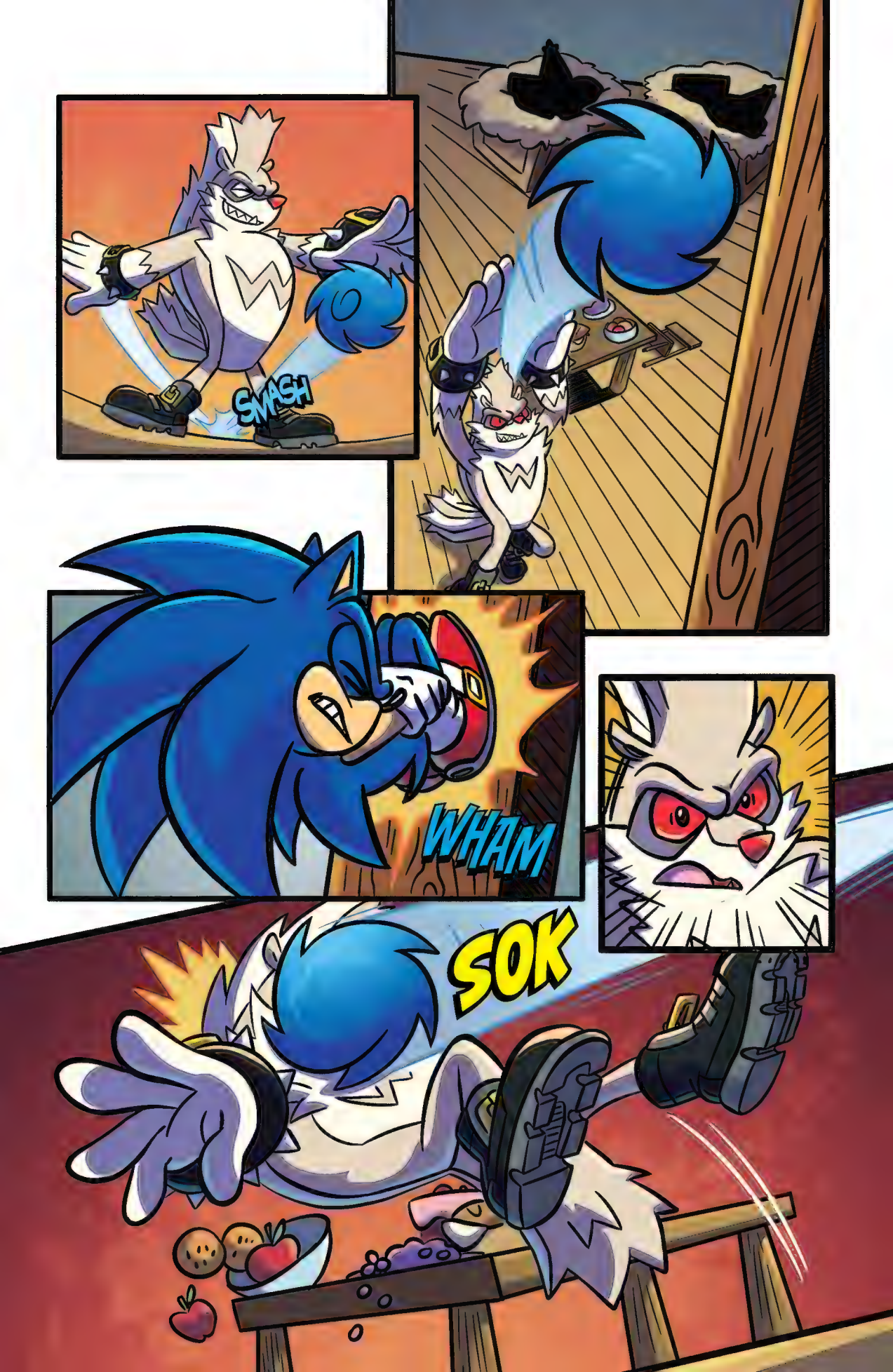
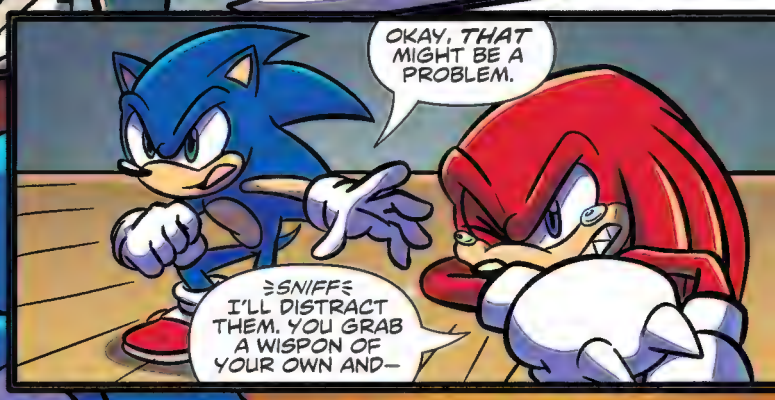

SMASH
WHAM
SOK

STINK BOMBER!
FASSSH
WHOOOMM

C'MON BRO, WE AIN'T DONE YET...

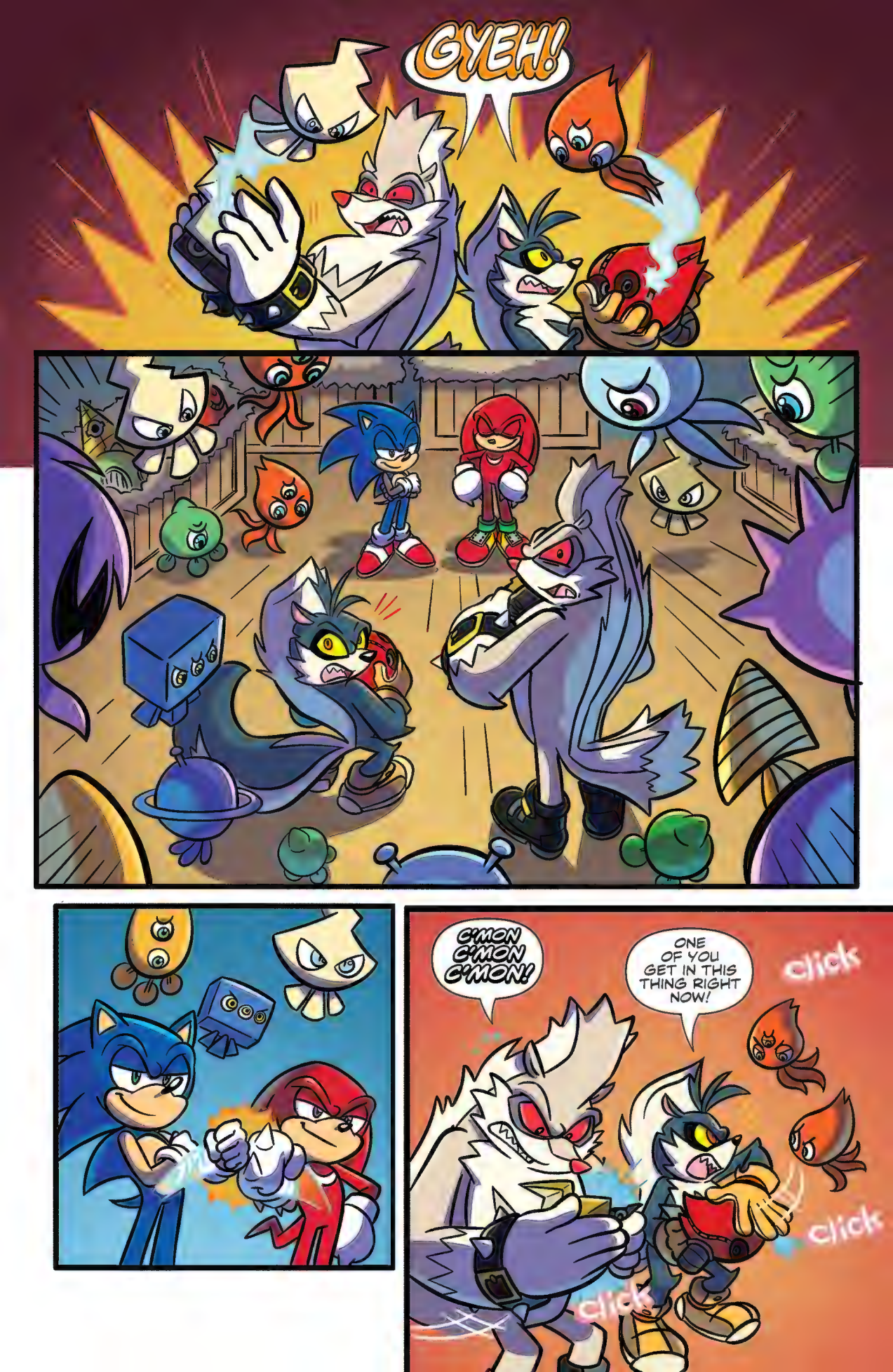
WHUGH... YOU OKAY, DUDE?
I'MB FUHNE.

NO MORE MESSIN' AROUND!
SAY YOUR PRAYERS, CHUMPS!

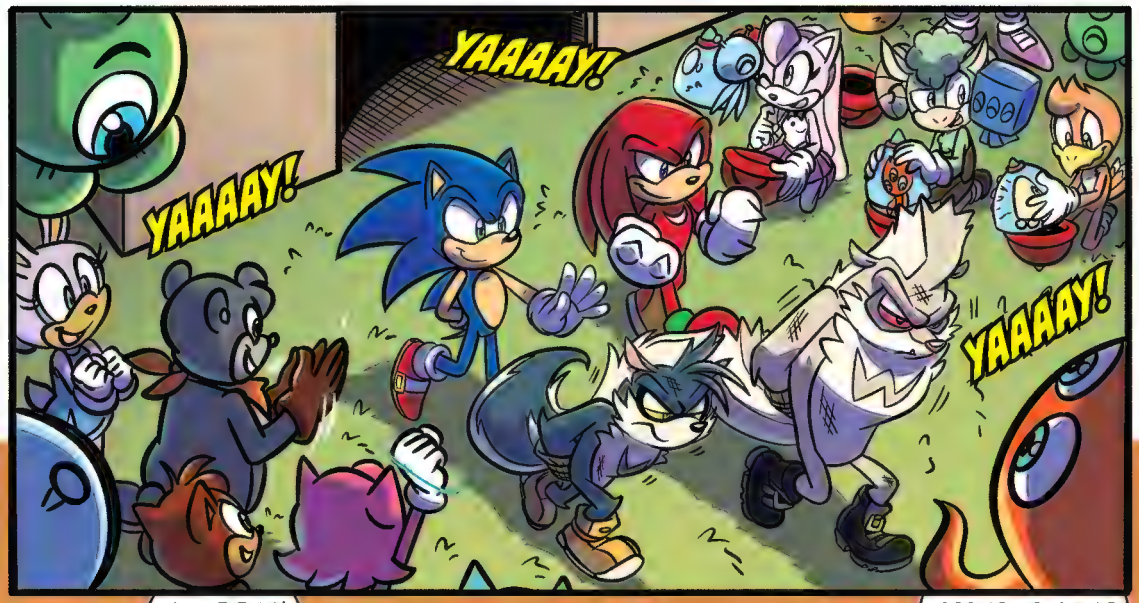

OKAY, THAT MIGHT BE A PROBLEM.
≡SNIFF≡ I'LL DISTRACT THEM. YOU GRAB A WISPON OF YOUR OWN AND—

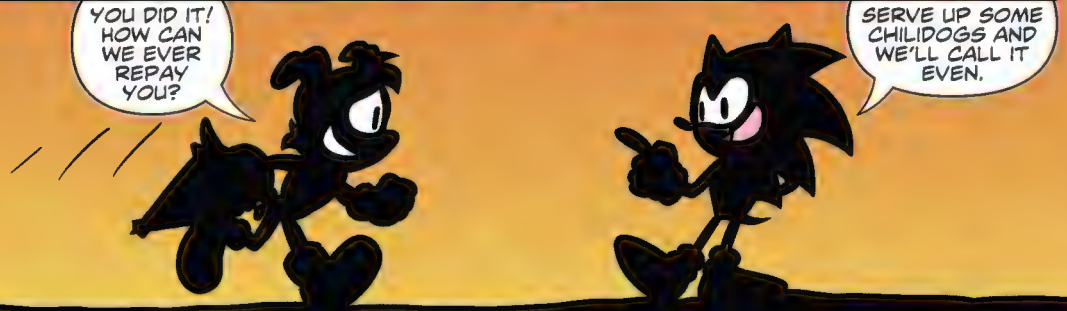
NO... I CAN DO ONE BETTER...

WISPS! IT'S ME—YOUR OLD BUDDY SONIC! I SAVED YOUR PLANET FROM DR. EGGMAN, REMEMBER?
A BUNCH OF YOU CHOSE TO STICK AROUND ON THIS WORLD! YOU HELPED ME ON LOST HEX! YOU HELPED THE RESISTANCE FIGHT THE EGGMAN EMPIRE!
I KNOW FIGHTING ISN'T YOUR THING, BUT YOU'VE PROVEN YOU'RE ALL POWERFUL AND BRAVE!
DON'T LET THESE JERKS BOSS YOU AROUND! THEY NEED YOU TO BULLY EVERY-ONE, BUT YOU DON'T NEED THEM!


GYEH!
C'MON C'MON C'MON!
ONE OF YOU GET IN THIS THING RIGHT NOW!
click
click
click

THE TABLES HAVE TURNED.
THEY'VE CERTAINLY BUMBLED.
IT'S BUTT-KICK TIME FOR ROUGH AND TUMBLE!
NO NO NO!
THAT'S OUR THING! YOU CAN'T DO OUR THING!
SOK
SOK


YAAAAY!
YAAAAY!
YAAAAY!

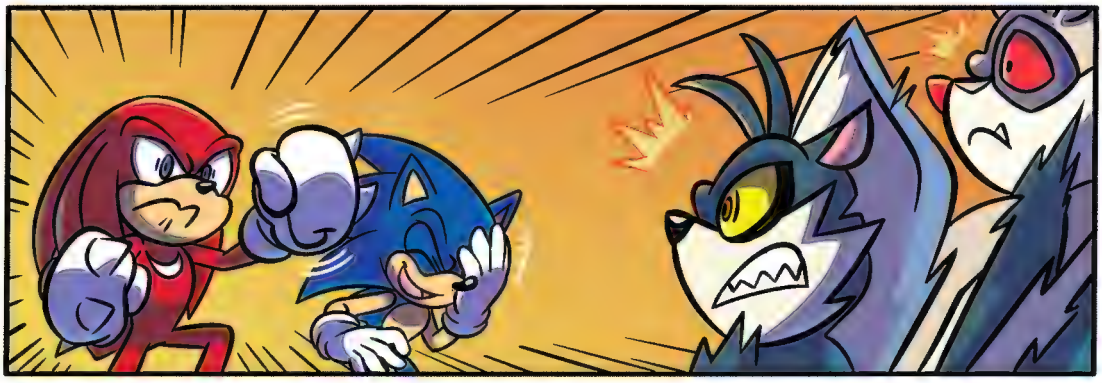

YOU DID IT! HOW CAN WE EVER REPAY YOU?
SERVE UP SOME CHILIDOGS AND WE'LL CALL IT EVEN.

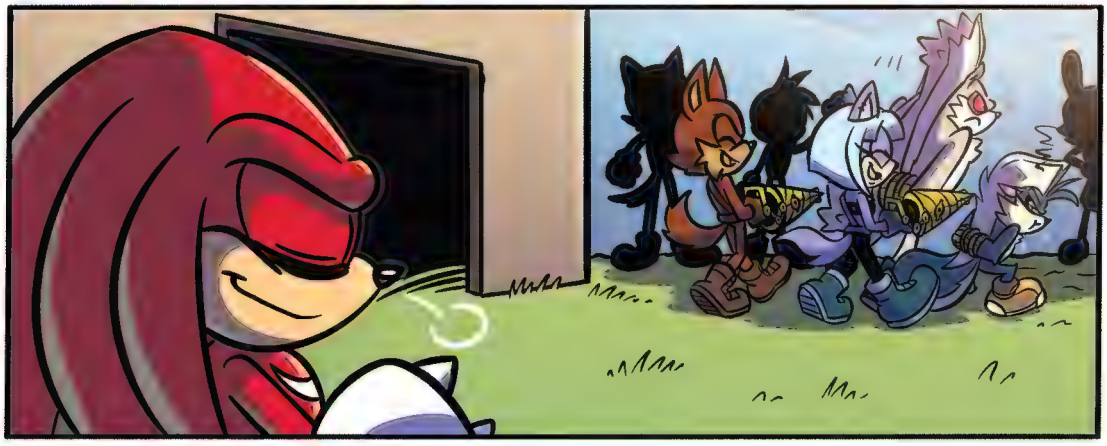
●♥▲♫!
ER... WHAT'S IT SAYING?
NO IDEA. I DON'T HAVE TAILS' TRANSLATOR HANDY.

I GET IT NOW. IT'S SAYING THE WISPS PLAN TO STICK AROUND AND HELP YOU GUYS DEFEND THE TOWN.
THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT WHILE IT LASTED.
YOU TWO ARE GOING TO BE LOCKED UP FOR A LONG TIME.
PEH!

THEIR LITTLE CELLS WON'T HOLD US FOR LONG! WE'LL BE OUT— AND THEN WE'RE COMING FOR YOU!
YOU'VE MADE LIFE-LONG ENEMIES OF—
-ROUGH & TUMBLE!





THANKS FOR THE HELP. NOT THAT I NEEDED IT...
NAH, BUT YOU DIDN'T SHARE THE BADNIKS OUTSIDE. YOU OWED ME THIS.
I WOULDN'T MIND A VACATION MYSELF. FIRST WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT WHO'S CONTROLLING EGGMAN'S LEFT-OVER BADNIKS.
HOPEFULLY THIS IS THE START OF THINGS SETTLING DOWN. I REALLY DO MISS HOME.
BUT BEFORE THAT—WE PARTY!
YAAAAY!
YAAAAY!
YAAAAY!

SO... KNUCKLES IS STILL PLAYING HERO ON THE SURFACE.

THAT MEANS ANGEL ISLAND IS UNGUARDED. THE MASTER EMERALD IS PRONE.
THAT WILL ACCELERATE MY PLANS CONSIDERABLY...
NEXT TIME:
SONIC TANGLES WITH A NEW HERO & ANOTHER RETURNS IN A BLAZE OF GLORY!

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Sonic fans! Hope you enjoyed *Sonic the Hedgehog* #3 & Knuckles! Some very exciting action with the debut of those bad boys Rough and Tumble, but they sure crumbled before Sonic and Knux in this fantastic story by Ian Flynn, Jennifer Hernandez, Heather Breckel, and Corey Breen! Nice work, team!

Now, as usual (oh man, we can already say "as usual"? Wow!) here's your art, cosplay, and letters!

So I've been a Sonic fan for as long as I can remember.

Art by Mecha the Techa

One of my earliest and clearest memories is when my big sis got my big bro a Sega for Xmas. The one that came with Sonic 2 and had him and Tails on the box. I remember doing my best to play Tails and help my bro get through levels as fast as we could. The cartoon was why I woke up on Saturday mornings. I remember I'd be up before anyone even without an alarm clock cuz I knew Sonic was gonna be on.

I grew up with the blue blur. I've caught up to the comics til just before the end of the long run. Sonic has been my inspiration, motivation, and role model for decades. I always wanted to be like him. I'm nearing 30 years old now and still love everything Sonic. It's a kind of love and loyalty you cant lose. No matter how fast you run. Love you Sonic, hope this comic run lasts even longer than the last.

Sadko Von Margolin

That's really wonderful, Sadko! I'm glad that we get to play some small part in bringing Sonic to you. A lot of people have come to us and told us about how Sonic is a massive part of who they are, just like you did. That's a really amazing thing and we're so glad you shared!

If you'd like your fanart, cosplay pictures, or letters to show up in this very space, send them to

Art by Dustin Wilkinson (OZKai)

Cosplay by Christopher Wanamaker

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-**Joe Hughes** and **David Mariotte**

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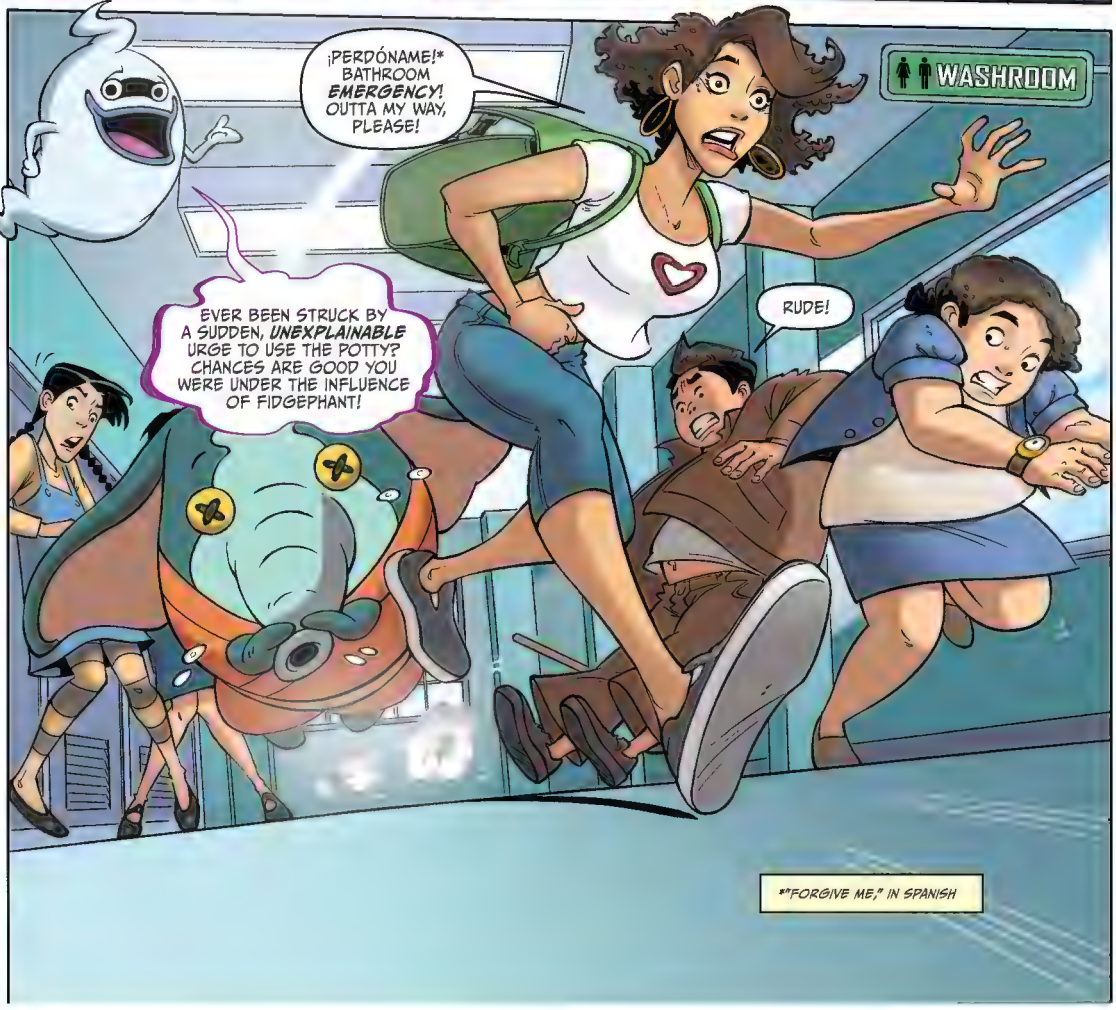
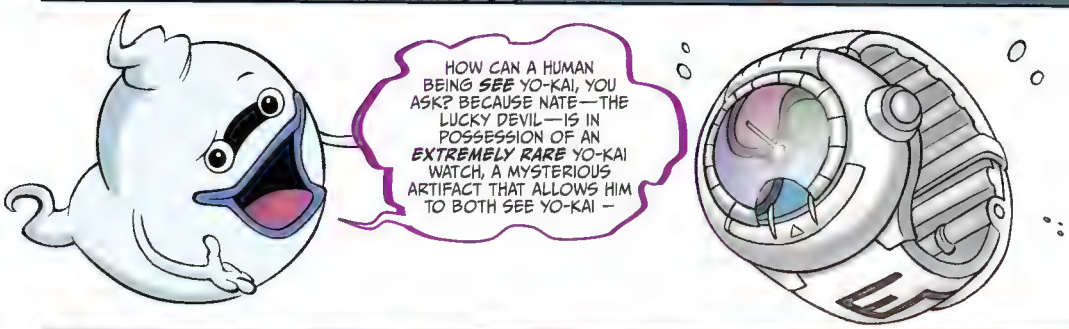
WELCOME TO THE STRANGE AND WONDERFUL REALM OF THE YO-KAI! IF IT LOOKS AWFULLY FAMILIAR, THERE'S A GOOD REASON FOR THAT...
...BECAUSE IT'S YOUR WORLD!

BECAUSE YO-KAI HAVE THE POWER TO APPEAR INVISIBLE TO THE HUMAN EYE, MOST PEOPLE HAVE NEVER SEEN THEM. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVEN'T FELT THEM!
I-I'M SORRY! I'VE GOT A CASE OF THE GIGGLES. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS COME OVER ME!
HA HA HA
EVER FELT HAPPY FOR NO REASON AT ALL? YOU WERE PROBABLY INSPIRITED BY HEHEHEEL!


¡PERDÓNAME!* BATHROOM EMERGENCY! OUTTA MY WAY, PLEASE!
WASHROOM
EVER BEEN STRUCK BY A SUDDEN, UNEXPLAINABLE URGE TO USE THE POTTY? CHANCES ARE GOOD YOU WERE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF FIDGEPHANT!
RUDE!
*"FORGIVE ME," IN SPANISH

YOU MIGHT RECOGNIZE ME FROM TELEVISION, WHERE MY HUMAN MASTER "NATE" AND I HAVE ALL SORTS OF CRAZY, SUPERNATURAL ADVENTURES.



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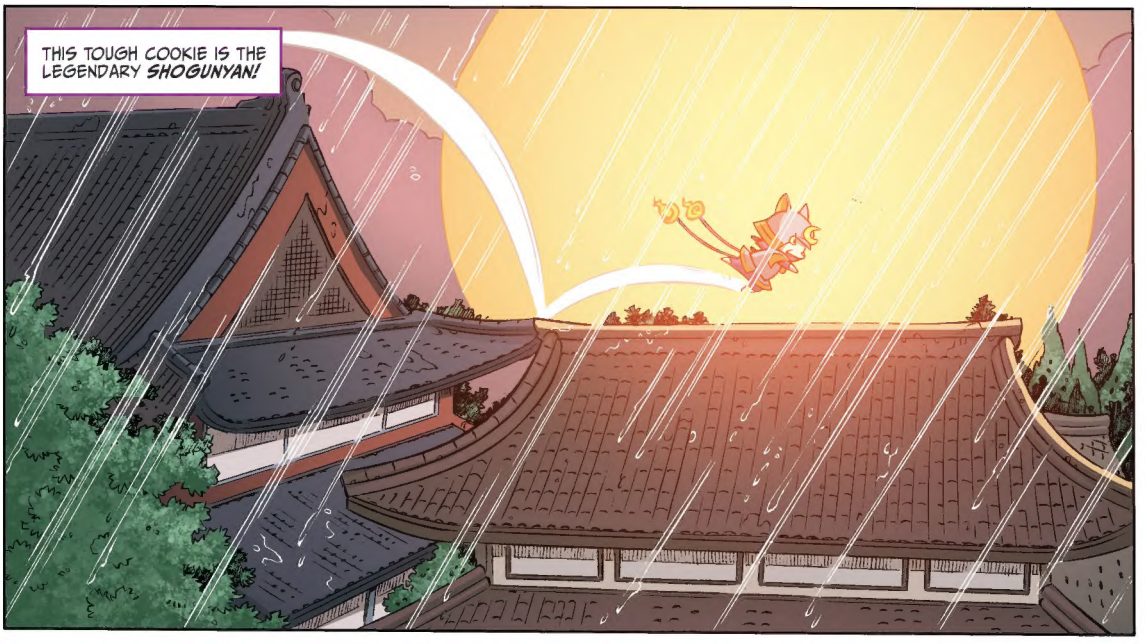
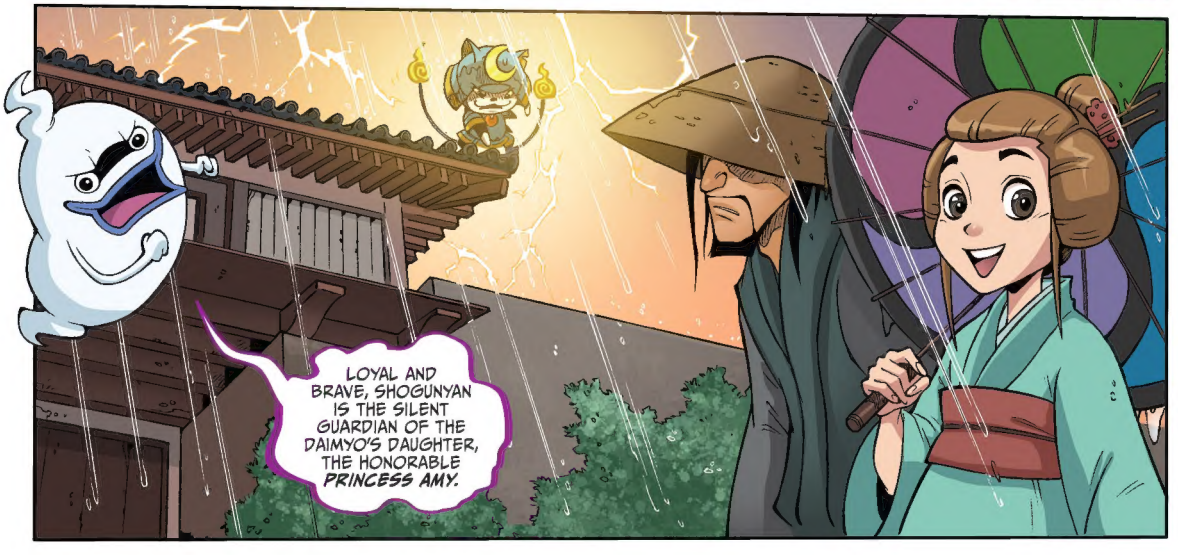
...BUT NOT BEFORE THE YO-KAI.


THIS TOUGH COOKIE IS THE LEGENDARY *SHOGUNYAN!*

IF HE LOOKS FAMILIAR, THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S THE ANCIENT ANCESTOR OF JIBANYAN!
MROW!


LOYAL AND BRAVE, SHOGUNYAN IS THE SILENT GUARDIAN OF THE DAIMYO'S DAUGHTER, THE HONORABLE *PRINCESS AMY.*

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